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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No.: 09/553,573

Filed: April 19, 2000

For: Artificial Hemi-Lumbar Interbody  
Spinal Implant Having an Asymmetrical  
Leading End and Method for Installation  
Thereof

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) Group Art Unit: 3738  
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) Examiner: B. Snow  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 16 of this paper and include two attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including 2 drawing replacement sheets is attached following page 21 of this paper.

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